

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are now pending in this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,054,696.

The Applicants have provided a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 7,054,696.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejections.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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